

Subject: Port St. Nicholas Road
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Dear DOT,

I am writing in regard to the recent decision to pull the \$3 million dollar matching funds for the Port St. Nicholas Road Upgrade Project until after 2009. We need this road improved badly now. There are hundreds of people driving on this road, including a daily school bus route. The road in its current condition is not only very rough to drive on, it is very dangerous. The road has many curves and is crowning in the middle. When it gets slippery and icy many people simply slide off the road. Due to the great number of potholes on the road, which sometimes get to be almost a foot deep, people have to swerve and drive in the lane of on-coming traffic. We have had several people injured because of this and if this road is not taken care of soon, someone is going to be killed. 2009 is much too late and if delayed that long this road may not even be drivable by then. I think it is easily worth the 3 million that is being asked for to make this a safe road for the people that live and work here and for their children. If this road were in Juneau, affecting that many people, it would have been a done deal. Please reconsider!!!

Thank you for listening,
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